

CHAMPIONS IN CARROMS

VIGNEAUX AND SEXTON PLAY AT BALK-LINE BILLIARDS.

The French Expert Defeats the Yankee at the New Game After a Hard Struggle. Sexton Wins at Straight Billiards by Very Brilliant Strokes.

New York, Oct. 24. — The ghosts of Monroe Day in his assembly billiard rooms on Washington street, Brooklyn, found him a successor in the person of Mr. Vigneaux, two years of billiards as a game which have never been seen. Invitations had been given to some two hundred persons of note in social, political and billiard circles and every invitation was accepted. It was reported that the Frenchman was the greatest billiard expert, and the greeting was warm indeed. Among the well known persons present were Hugh McLaughlin, George Purdy, Congressman Felix Campbell, Tom Sweeney, Excise Commissioner John C. Dent and Evans, Fire Marshal Thorne, George Lansing, Coroner Munninger, Assemblyman Earle, Dennis Short, Billy Sexton, Maurice Daly, Jerry Daly, Charlie Campbell, George Bassett, John W. Chapman, F. Froeschler, Billy Collyer, Sam Knight, the originator of the pyramid pool rules; John Manning, the "kidd" pool player; Judge Blaikie, the "biggest" billiard player in the last long tourney; Alvin Miller, Professor J. Randolph Heiser, smiling but critical; Charlie Manning, Joe Emerich, the partner of Jake Schefer, and Mort Humphreys.

Vignaux, who is 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, said after appearing in the evening dress to play Sexton a game of straight billiards of 150 points. The French champion had an advantage until the last inning, when he had 145 points to 130, but Sexton was equal to the game. He secured them. After a few shots for position he got the ivory spheres on the natural rail and then kept Marker, Emerich, busy calling the points. When he was 145 and 130 the game the applause was deafening. Vignaux had suffered his first defeat of the season. Sexton's high run was 65, Vignaux's was 55. An hour later they were again in the presence of the spectators of the evening assembled. The game was the fourteen-inch balk line on a 6x10 table. Neither man showed a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the game, and it became apparent that Vignaux does not specially learn more of the game he will be a very poor third to Schafer and Slosson at the Chicago tourney next month. But he shows surprising ability as a position player, a fairly good player. Sexton's high game is any other than baileen. Still "the Comanche" pressed his opponent from first to last and led at times. He had several opportunities to win but overlooked them. For last game Mr. Emerich was defeated and Mr. Heiser was second. Vignaux set ten well-played caroms and Vignaux followed 27 carefully-made shots. In the third inning Sexton, guided by the advice of the master in the art of balk until 52 had been added to his string. In the fifth Vignaux secured 47 by careful nurse play and masterly position strokes. In the last inning Sexton needed 29 to win, but Sexton had 28. Then Vignaux, who had 10 minutes to score his game. The following is the score by innings:

Sexton—10, 1, 83, 15, 5, 30, 30, 4, 0, 22, 1, 18, 14, 0, 0, 8, 23—104. Highest run, 22. Average, 10.75. Vignaux—1, 18, 0, 47, 0, 11, 22, 1, 1, 21, 9, 0, 3, 2, 5, 16—200. Highest run, 47. Average, 11.19. Referee, Joseph Emrick. Scorer, J. Randolph Heiser.

BRIEF MENTION.

The News Condensed for the Hasty Reader's Perusal.

Jacob Rhine, an aged German citizen, was killed at Maysville, O., in the endeavor to extricate himself from the fallen earth of a trapdoor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. McElroy, of Chicago, are spending a novel honeymoon on board a yacht, their tour extending to the West Indies.

The committee of one hundred at Cincinnati adopted a constitution and by-laws and took the preliminary steps toward permanent organization.

Tommy Moyers, aged twelve, shot and partially disabled Louis Keller, aged eleven years, by toyin with a loaded revolver.

New York stocks declined upon sensational reports; Baltimore & Ohio was the chief culprit, demanding its share of through New York traffic.

The gross hand sales of the Union Pacific Railway company for September were 45,333 acres, a decrease from the sales of the same month last year of 1,304,064 acres.

Charles Guerin, yeoman waiter, at the Ohio railroad station, was arrested at Petersburg, W. Va., for robbing the passenger depot of that road of a large sum of money.

Charley Menter, of Sabina, O., has entered suit for \$30,000 damages against Mr. and Mrs. Grant, of Waukesha, for loss of that place for alleged infringement of character.

In the official count of Hamilton county, Ohio, the entire Democratic ticket was counted in, but the county clerk was ejected from issuing certificates to the state senator.

M. G. and William H. Barker, brothers, were sentenced for the murder of Harvey Keith at Bloomingdale, Mich., the former to state prison for life and the latter for twenty-five years.

At a hearing before the subservitors of the law started by Geo. Jones of the New York Times, and invited by ex-Governor E. D. Morgan for Gen. Grant, Judge Davis offered a resolution which was adopted unanimously, that the trial should be held in the United States Trust company and the interest should be paid to Mrs. Grant during her life, then to the children of Gen. Grant, and after their death to be distributed among other charitable organizations per capita. Judge Davis and Henry Day were appointed a committee to draft the legal document making the transfer.

Indian troops are being rapidly got in ready for an invasion of the Persian Gulf, that government is already preparing for resistance. Rev. James Frazer, bishop of Manchester, is dead. Empress Charlotte, concurring whose retirement was fatal, died at Coburg, Germany. Prince Alexander is to be deposed and Servia is to give a portion of territory. It is expected that the ports will agree to this. Nothing is said as to the attitude of Bulgaria and Germany.

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